

(Washington, D.C.) - **TODAY**, Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) will visit Project QUEST, a downtown San Antonio workforce training center, to tout the upcoming increase in the Federal minimum wage. On July 24th, the minimum wage will increase by 70 cents to \$5.85 an hour -- the first raise for Americans earning minimum wage since 1997. The minimum wage is scheduled to increase annually until it reaches \$7.25 per hour in July 2009.

"I am proud to be a member of the Congress that worked in a bipartisan manner to finally pass this much needed increase to the federal minimum wage. Beginning July 24th, thousands of workers in San Antonio and across Texas will begin earning a fairer wage,"

said Congressman Ciro Rodriguez.

"Programs like Project QUEST provide people with the tools they need for success in the workforce, and now with this increase in the minimum wage they will be better able to support themselves and their families."

What: Congressman Ciro Rodriguez visits Project QUEST workforce training center and meets with pre-college prep class to tout upcoming minimum wage increase

Date/Time: 9:15am TODAY, July 16, 2007

Location: Project QUEST, Inc.

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